

The Vineyard Church of Conroe Raymond McDonald November 20, 2016

Sermon Outline Notes

Rejoice always, ¹⁷ pray continually, ¹⁸ give thanks in all circumstances; for this is God's will for you in Christ Jesus. 1 Thessalonians 5:18

A Cadillac Thanksgiving <u>IS BEING THANKFUL FOR ALL WE</u>

HAVE BY GIVING ALL WE ARE

And whatever you do, whether in word or deed, do it all in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through him. Colossians 3:17

I. We give thanks BY PRAISING THE GIVER WITH OUR

WORDS & ACTIONS

Shout for joy to the Lord, all the earth. ² Worship the Lord with gladness; come before him with joyful songs. ³ Know that the Lord is God. It is he who made us, and we are his; we are his people, the sheep of his pasture ⁴ Enter his gates with thanksgiving and his courts with praise; give thanks to him and praise his name ⁵ For the Lord is good and his love endures forever; his faithfulness continues through all generations. Psalm 100:1-5

II. We give thanks BY ENJOYING THE GIFTS WE HAVE

RECEIVED

a. BY USING OUR GIFTS

We have different gifts, according to the grace given to each of us. If your gift is prophesying, then prophesy in accordance with your faith; ⁷ if it is serving, then serve; if it is teaching, then teach; ⁸ if it is to encourage, then give encouragement; if it is giving, then give generously; if it is to lead, do it diligently; if it is to show mercy, do it cheerfully. Romans 12:6-8

b. BY VALUING AND TAKING CARE OF OUR GIFTS

Each of you should use whatever gift you have received to serve others, as faithful stewards of God's grace in its various forms. I Peter 4:10

III. We give thanks **BY SHARING & GIVING BACK WHAT WE**

HAVE RECEIVED

a. WITH OUR LIVES

Whoever wants to be great must become a servant. Whoever wants to be first among you must be your slave. That is what the Son of Man has done: He came to serve, not be served. Matthew 20:27-28

b. WITH OUR RESOURCES

You will be enriched in every way to be generous in every way, which through us will produce thanksgiving to God. 2 Corinthians 9:11 ESV